

We claim:

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1. A rheological additive consisting of the reaction product of:
    - a) a diamine selected from the group consisting of ethylene diamine and hexamethylene diamine;
    - b) one or more straight chain monocarboxylic acids having 3 to 7 carbon atoms in the straight chain saturated aliphatic hydrocarbon radical; and
    - c) 12-hydroxystearic acid.
  2. The rheological additive of Claim 1 wherein the reaction product comprises:
    - a) 2 equivalents of said diamine;
    - b) from 0.4 to 1.8 equivalents of one or more straight chain monocarboxylic acids having 3 to 7 carbon atoms in the straight chain saturated aliphatic hydrocarbon radical; and
    - c) from 1.6 to 0.2 equivalents of 12-hydroxystearic acid.
  3. The rheological additive of Claim 2 wherein the reaction product comprises:
    - a) 2 equivalents of ethylene diamine;
    - b) from 0.4 to 1.6 equivalents of one or more straight chain monocarboxylic acids having 3 to 7 carbon atoms in the straight chain saturated aliphatic hydrocarbon radical; and
    - c) from 1.6 to 0.2 equivalents of 12-hydroxystearic acid.
  4. The rheological additive of Claim 1 wherein the acid wherein the acid of subparagraph b) is selected from the group consisting of pentanoic acid, hexanoic acid, heptanoic acid and octanoic acid.

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